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Gap between PF Accounts and Contribution
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether there is a wide gap between the number of Provident Fund account and members contributing every month and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(b)the total number of PF accounts being handled by Employee"s Provident Fund Organisation along with active and dormant accounts for which contributions are not being received, State/UT-wise; and
(c)the number of members whose contributions have been continuously received through their employers during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): The total number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) member accounts as on 31.03.2016, as per Annual Report for 2015-16, is 17.14 crore. On an average, contributions have been received in respect of 3.76 crore members during the year 2015-16. Reasons for this gap are as under:-

(i) The members after switching over from one covered establishment to another, especially, those employed in seasonal establishments and contractor workers, do not withdraw or get their balance transferred to the new Provident Fund (PF) account resulting in multiple accounts.
(ii) It is not statutorily mandated for members to withdraw the accumulations after they are no longer in employment.
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(b): The total number of EPF member accounts as on 31.03.2016, as per Annual Report for 2015-16, is 17.14 crore. Further, there is no dormant account in Employees' Provident Fund (EPF). However, as per para 72(6) of the Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, 1952, certain amounts are classified as 'Inoperative Accounts' in which contributions have not been received for 36 months continuously. All such Inoperative Accounts have, however, definite claimants.

The State/UT-wise details of accounts/ members are at Annex-I.
(c): The total number of members (on an average) whose contributions have been received during the last three years are as under:-

2013-14 : 3.26 crore
2014-15 : 3.49 crore
2015-16 : 3.76 crore

State/UT-wise details of average contributing members as on 31.03.2016 are at Annex-II.

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